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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0256

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LA, US, GW

SUBJECT: VISIT OF WEST GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL, DR. STEGER

1. DR. STEGER, HEAD OF ASIAN DIVISION OF WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, VISITED VIENTIANE THIS WEEK RETURNING FROM VISIT TO HANOI. I ATTENDED RECEPTION WEST GERMAN CHARGE VOLLERS HELD FOR HIM AND HE PAID BRIEF CALL ON ME. I REVIEWED OUR POSITION AS ONE OF WANTING NORMAL RELATIONS WITH LAOS AND APPROACHING OUR VARIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PATIENCE, AND NOTED LAO TOOK THE LINE THEY WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH US. THEY WERE INCLINED AT PRESENT TO PURSUE AN UNREALISTIC LINE ABOUT U.S. "OBLIGATIONS" UNDER THE PARIS AND VIENTIANE ACCORDS.

2. STEGER SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY THE LAO IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THEY WERE UNHAPPY THAT THE U.S. HAD NOT SENT AMBASSADOR STONE TO LAOS. I REPLIED THAT I HAD NO COMMENT ON AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH WERE THE  
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BUSINESS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY, BUT I DID THINK THE LAO

SHOULD DEVELOP A LITTLE MORE REALISM ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS. STEGER AND VOLLERS BOTH SAID THEY HAD  
THE IMPRESSION THE LAO, INCLUDING PHOUNE SIPRASEUTH, WERE  
CONCENTRATING SO INTENSELY ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS THAT THEY WERE  
NOT REALLY PAYING MUCH ATTENTION TO FOREIGN RELATIONS.

E. STEGER SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS HIS HANOI VISIT WITH  
AMEMBASSY BONN.  
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